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1. USINT HAS DISCUSSED NEW SHIPMENT OF 1500 TONS OF SORGHUM TO ALGERIA VIA THE FREDERICK LYKES ARRIVING AROUND AUGUST 18 WITH SONATMAG AND SNTR.

2. MR. ALOUI OF SONATMAG SAID THE PORT CONGESTION IN ALGIERS HAD CLEARED UP CONSIDERABLY; AND, AFTER CHECKING, SAID SONATMAG COULD HANDLE NEW SHIPMENT HERE IN ALGIERS AS EASILY AS ORAN PROVIDED SNTR SUPPLY TRUCKS TO REMOVE SORGHUM FROM PORT AREA IN A SIMILAR FASHION AS IN ORAN.

3. SONATMAG IS WILLING TO EXTEND BY LETTER EARLIER CONTRACT FOR JOSEPH LYKES SHIPMENT OR SONATMAG WILL PREPARE NEW CONTRACT WITH SAME PROVISIONS AND PRICES DEPENDING ON USG'S DESIRES. PLEASE ADVISE.

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4. USINT RAISED WITH SONATMAG THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT UNLOADING FROM SHIP TO TRUCKS, PER A RECOMMENDATION OF FFPO WOOD, BUT SONATMAG SAID THERE WOULD BE A 20 PERCENT OR MORE SURCHARGE IF WE SELECTED THIS OPTION.

5. SONATMAG EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO KNOW THE ACTUAL DATE OF ARRIVAL OF FREDERICK LYKES AT PORT OF ALGIERS IF THERE WERE TO BE NO DELAYS.

6. MR. KHOLLADI AND MR. KAHLA OF SNTR SAID FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW SHIPMENT FROM ALGIERS TO AGADEZ IS PREFERABLE ROUTE. THEY SAW NO PROBLEM. IN PRINCIPAL THE SAME GERMS AS LAST CONTRACTS COULD BE USED. SINCE ALGIERS/AGADEZ ROUTE WAS SHORTER, THERE WOULD BE A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN SNTR'S SHIPPING CHARGES. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE MR. DOERR WOULD AGAIN BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN CONTRACT. USINT CONCURS.

7. MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP IS TO OFFICIALLY INFORM SNTR IN WRITING OF SHIPMENT TO AGADEZ, NIGER SO THAT SNTR CAN OBTAIN NECESSARY IMPORT/EXPORT PERMITS. TO THIS END WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM OFFICIALLY ON QUANTITY, DESTINATION AND ETA ALGIERS OF NEXT SORGHUM SHIPMENT. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. IF ABOVE STATEMENTS OF SONATMAG ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO TAKE CARE OF LYKES GUARANTEE, PLEASE ADVISE.

9. USINT BELIEVES THAT FFPO WOOD SHOULD AGAIN BE DETAILED TO SUPERVISE UNLOADING OF FREDERICK LYKES. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS AS LONG AS THIS DID NOT CONFLICT WITH EXPECTED TDY TO INDIA. DUE PERSONNEL SHORTAGES AND LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA, USINT ALGIERS COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SUPERVISE UNLOADING. SIMPSON

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